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In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant is petitioning for a three month extension of term, in the accompany Request for Continued Examination, thereby extending the term for response to and including January 15, 2004. Please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 127 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.